1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Private Sector Banks	35	351.64	27	788.52	8	191.64	11	225.73
Foreign Banks	1	21.17	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	507	1560.24	260	1415.51	27	391.91	19	277.09

Follow up action of each case of dacoities/robberies/thefts etc. is monitored by the banks concerned. However, all the cases detected by banks are reported to RBI. Banks invariably file police complaints in such cases.

Loss of opium crop due to cold wave

†2364. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the opium produced in the country is procured by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cold wave has ruined opium crop this time round;

(c) if so, whether Government has worked out a plan to compensate the loss of opium growers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes Madam.

(b) Yes Madam. Cold wave affected opium crop in some parts of the opium growing regions.

(c) and (d) Opium poppy is a commercial crop which is purchased from the farmers by the Govt. The farmers can take protective measures (like insurance). There is no scheme for the Government of India to give compensation to farmers for such losses.

Futures Trading Policy

2365. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the futures trading policy of Government has resulted in extreme inflation and has encouraged the practice of speculation to a greater extent;

(b) whether it is a fact that billions of Indian currency is going abroad leading to hike in most of the commodities as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider imposing ban on futures, trading in order to check inflation;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.